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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: (A) BRASILIA 6883, (B) BRASILIA 6871, (C) BRASILIA 6806,
(D) STATE 212172

1. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THAT THIS SUBJECT BE PLACED ON THE
AGENDA FOR THE SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER AT UNGA. I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE FRENCH BE APPROACHED
WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD RAISE THE SUBJECT
WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL WHEN GISCARD VISITS BRAZIL OCTOBER 4.

2. THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO THE DEMARCHE
BY THE SEVEN SUMMIT COUNTRIES WAS REPORTED IN REFTELS A, B,
AND C. MY GERMAN AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES ARE INTERPRETING THIS
RESPONSE AS NEGATIVE AND SOMEWHAT CYNICAL BECAUSE THEY ASSUME
THAT SILVEIRA DID NOT EXPECT THE SUBJECT TO BE DEBATED IN THE
UNGA AND EVEN IF IT WERE THAT IT WOULD NOT GET ANYWHERE OVER
ARAB OPPOSITION.

3. I WAS NOT AUTHORIZED IN OUR INSTRUCTION (REFTEL D)
TO DISCUSS ANY POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR DEMARCHE
AND ANY EVENTUAL DISCUSSION IN THE UNGA. I WOULD
SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY TELL SILVEIRA THAT WE HAD HOPED
THAT COUNTRIES, SUCH AS BRAZIL, WITH AN IMPORTANT
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INTERNATIONAL AIR NETWORK WOULD SEE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO
SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE SUMMIT COUNTRIES TO DISCOURAGE
HIJACKING AND THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. IF IT IS
INDEED OUR POSITION, THE SECRETARY COULD ALSO UNDERLINE THE
WEAKNESS OF ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM IN THE UNGA
CONTEXT.

4. PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL VISIT BRAZIL
OCTOBER 4. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IS RECOMMENDING TO HIS
GOVERNMENT THAT GISCARD DISCUSS THE BONN DECLARATION WITH
PRESIDENT GEISEL. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPROACH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WITH A
SIMILAR REQUEST. ALTHOUGH I HAD TAKEN SILVEIRA'S PROMPT
RESPONSE TO BE "POSITIVE," I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO
CONTINUE TO IMPRESS UPON THE GOB THAT ITS PARTICIPATION
IN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY IMPLIES
AN INHERENT RESPONSIBILITY TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE A MAJOR NEW
EFFORT TO DEAL WITH THE HIJACKING PROBLEM. THE SECRETARY'S
DISCUSSION AND AN APPROACH BY GISCARD SHOULD
HELP US BRING THIS HOME TO THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT.
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